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I've been in the computer field for about 40 years, as a machine operator, a developer, and as a computer scientist and engineer. I am retired from IBM and currently am an associate professor at Austin Community College in Texas.

A settlement like this is very bad, to say the least. One of the goals of monopolistic companies in the computer field like Microsoft, or IBM, is to capture the technical minds of the coming generations. IBM once did this by providing free software to schools. By doing this, Microsoft can look as though they are settling a suit, but they are simply preparing to further their monopoly into the next generation by making large quantities of their software products available to schools. I hope this does not happen! Microsoft will eventually starve out all competition if it does. Microsoft should be restricted and punished, not aided and abetted in furthering their monopolistic practices.